

Corpus Christi Parish

"Building the Body of Christ"

We strive to radiate the presence of Jesus Christ in our parish and community and invite **others** to join us on our journey.



March 5, 2023

During this Holy Season of Lent will you spend some time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration ?

Eucharistic Adoration at Corpus Christi

Tuesday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

(Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
from 9:15am-10:15am)

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm

The Transfiguration of Jesus and Our Minds

On this 2nd Sunday of Lent, we meditate together on the transfiguration of Jesus, as recounted in the Gospel of Matthew. Just prior to this amazing scene, Jesus had told the disciples of His impending crucifixion and resurrection, which was indeed overwhelming for the apostles. Peter, who had just declared that Jesus was indeed the son of God, was swiftly rebuked by Jesus when he tried to step in and tell Jesus that "no such thing shall ever happen to you!" (Mt 16:22). The amazing revelation Jesus would give on Mt. Tabor would have a lasting effect on the apostles, and the entire Church, to this very day.

In addition to Moses (representing the law) and Elijah (representing the prophets) standing on each side of Jesus (his position in the center indicating he is the center and fullness of revelation), the magnificent divinity of God shines through Jesus, his face shining like the sun. What continues to fill me with faith, hope, love and joy is the reality that what shone out of Jesus is meant to shine out of you and I as well. He lives in us through the Holy Spirit and because you and I are beloved sons and daughters of God, we have access to the treasure of God's presence that transforms us.

Thinking with the mind of Christ truly helps us to experience the continual divine transformation that is life in Christ. A beautiful paradigm derived from the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola for helping guide our thought lives is: **Awareness – Understanding – Taking Action**. Being aware of our thoughts, feelings and desires, and asking God for understanding about what is from Him and what is not, allows us to take action. We dismiss the bad thoughts (what is not of God) and receive the positive thoughts that do come from God and build on those beautiful thoughts. In addition to watching what we're putting in our mind (good spiritual diet), keeping a healthy self-awareness of our thought lives allows us, by grace, to think with the mind of Christ. This in turn helps us to shine forth the divinity of God...that may sound kind of wild, but it's real, possible and a really worthwhile pursuit on this Lenten journey of transformation.

God bless you always,

Fr. Patrick

Holy Homework

This week practice **three times a day** just pausing and observing "what are my thoughts, feelings and desires right now?" After you gain this awareness, seek understanding from God what is from Him and what is not. Finally, take action...dismiss what is not of God and joyfully receive what is of God.



'Listen to the Lord'

Corpus Christi Parish Lenten Mission
NEXT, Sunday, March 12
(after the 11am Mass)
Monday, March 13 at 7pm
Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm

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Parish Office Hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 4 pm

Saturday Mass 4 pm **Sunday Masses** 9 am and 11 am

Daily / Holy Day Masses See weekly parish schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 1–3:45 pm; during Penance services; by appointment (call the Parish Office)

Sick Calls/Prayer Requests: Please call the Parish Office to schedule or visit or add someone to parish prayer list

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin articles and any additional information to :

(cc.bulletin@corpuschristi-detroit.org)

by **12:00 noon on Tuesday** for consideration in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget 2022 – 2023 \$ 8,115.00

Sunday Offerings 02/26/2023 \$ 5,176.98

Many thanks for your ongoing donations!

The Week Ahead



Monday, March 6

8:30 am **MASS**

Tuesday, March 7

8:30 am **MASS**

10:00 am Pastoral Staff Meeting

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm **Emmaus Group**, Dcn Paul and Elaine O'Neill - Rainbow Room

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Evangelization Committee (Rainbow Room)

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 am **NO MASS**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Emmaus Groups** - Sr. Therese (Zoom)

Thursday, March 9

8:30 am **MASS**

9:15 am - 12:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Holy Hour for Priest Vocations**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (Rectory Dining Room)

Friday, March 10

8:30 am **MASS**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Emmaus Group - Fr. Patrick (Rectory Living Room)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Emmaus Group - Marilyn Webb (Activities Center Room C)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Emmaus Group - Doug/Michelle Buday (Activities Center Rm B and Zoom)

6:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross** (Church)

Saturday, March 11

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Easter Seasonal Planning (Virtual)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center - Activities Center

10:00 am - 11:30 am **Emmaus Group** - Ken Troupe (Zoom)

10:00 am - 11:30 am First Eucharist Class (Rm 3,4 Rainbow)

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm **Confessions - Church**

1:00 pm - 3:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 pm **MASS**

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday of Lent

NO Coffee and Donuts Today

9:00 am - 10:00 am CGS Level 2

9:00 am **MASS**

9:30 am - 10:30 am OCIA (Rectory)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm CGS Level 1

11:00 am **MASS**

12:45 pm - **Parish Lenten Mission**

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Confirmation Class (Activities Center)

Store Front Evangelization cancelled on the evening of Tuesday, March 14th so we can go to the Parish Mission

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

March 6 – March 12, 2023

Monday 8:30 am + Rev. Norman Thomas

Tuesday 8:30 am All the Sick and Homebound

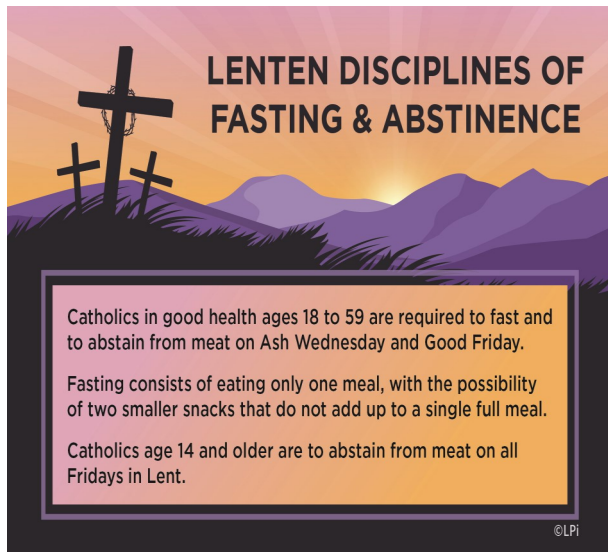
Wednesday No Mass or Communion Service

Thursday 8:30 am + Helen Marie Boyea

Friday 8:30 am For the legal Protection of the Unborn and the Corpus Christi Crisis Pregnancy Center

Saturday 4:00 pm + Kit Hedges (req by Carol Hajj)

Sunday 9:00 am Intentions of our Parishioners
11:00 am + Walter Kelser (req by his wife Verna Kelser)



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Please Pray for Our Deceased Loved Ones

+ Henry J. Burch, II

**Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers
Members of our Parish Family...**

Shermia Anding, Doris Billion, Paul Billion, Michael Busby, Jr. Lucius Davis, Mary Davis, Vivian Dorsey, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Pat Mueller, Elaine O'Neill, Sean Ross, Shirley Sands, Jeff Smale

Friends and Family of Parishioners...

Sheila Adams, Sue Deeds, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Harold McRae, Marilyn Waddell, and Sara Nell Wallace

Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...

Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle, Beatrice Hunter, Beverley Brown-Johnson



Prophets:

**People Called to Speak and Act
Generations of Faith 2022/23**

Amos and Micah - Call for Justice

Last Sunday - about 60 adults, 12 teens, and 12 elementary children attended the Generations of Faith session on the Prophets Amos and Micah. After praying with the hymn "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor", **the adults** watched two videos from the Bible Project which summarized each book (Amos and Micah). We then looked at the evidence both prophets used to prove that the Israelites were breaking God's covenant and examined the consequences from God because of their law breaking. We then stepped into the shoes of Amos, called for justice in our world today, and named areas of injustice in our city, country, and world. Finally, **the teens** "tested" the adults' knowledge by reading about 14 scripture quotes...was the quote from Amos or Micah or Jesus? Some were easy to attribute to the author; others not so much!

If you would like to see the videos and the handouts, go to the Generations of Faith page of the parish website, clickonatholic.com. Click on the *Generations of Faith* button; then click on one of the red buttons under SESSION 4.

Mark your calendars for the next Generations of Faith session on **Sunday, March 26, 2023!** We will be shifting to the New Testament and reflecting on the messages of the **Prophetess Anna and the Prophet John the Baptist** - same time, same place, same caterer!



In the midst of Lent...

give a morning of your time to
enter the spirit of Easter,
prayerfully reflect on the Gospels,
and **offer input** for the celebration of the
Easter Season at Corpus Christi.

**Reflection on the Easter Season
THIS Saturday, March 11th**

9:15 am Continental breakfast
9:30 am begin
Noon - conclude

All are welcome!
No experience necessary!!

Your input and insights will benefit not only the parish, but also your own participation in the season!





Readings for the Week of March 5, 2023

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22) 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	St. John of God, Religious Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	St. Frances of Rome, Religious Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday
Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

It is Good that We are Here

by Sister Therese MacKinnon, D.C.

"It is good that we are here." This was Peter's response to Jesus' transfiguration. It can be our response also. We too have been blessed by a special encounter with the Lord Jesus. As we sharpen our awareness of God's presence all around us, especially during this Lenten season, may we continually give thanks for God's mighty action in our lives.

Our process of welcoming new members into the Catholic faith is an on going event, especially during lent we have some highlight rituals that empathize conversion of heart and new found life.

During the past few weeks those preparing to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil participated in the Rite of Election at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

During lent we have rituals called the Scrutinies.

The purpose of these rituals is to express a change of heart. We will be celebrating these ceremonies on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. These services are for those preparing to receive the sacraments at The Easter Vigil but they are also for all Catholics to reexamine our lives and prepare ourselves for new life in Christ at Easter.

Those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are: Darrel Ndiangang, Melvin Ndiangang, Andrew Danna, Treshawna Taylor. Those preparing to enter the church and receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are Wayne Hill, Gloria Freeman, Nancy Danna, and Ivan Ngreangi. Annie Ngenwie is preparing to receive the Eucharist.

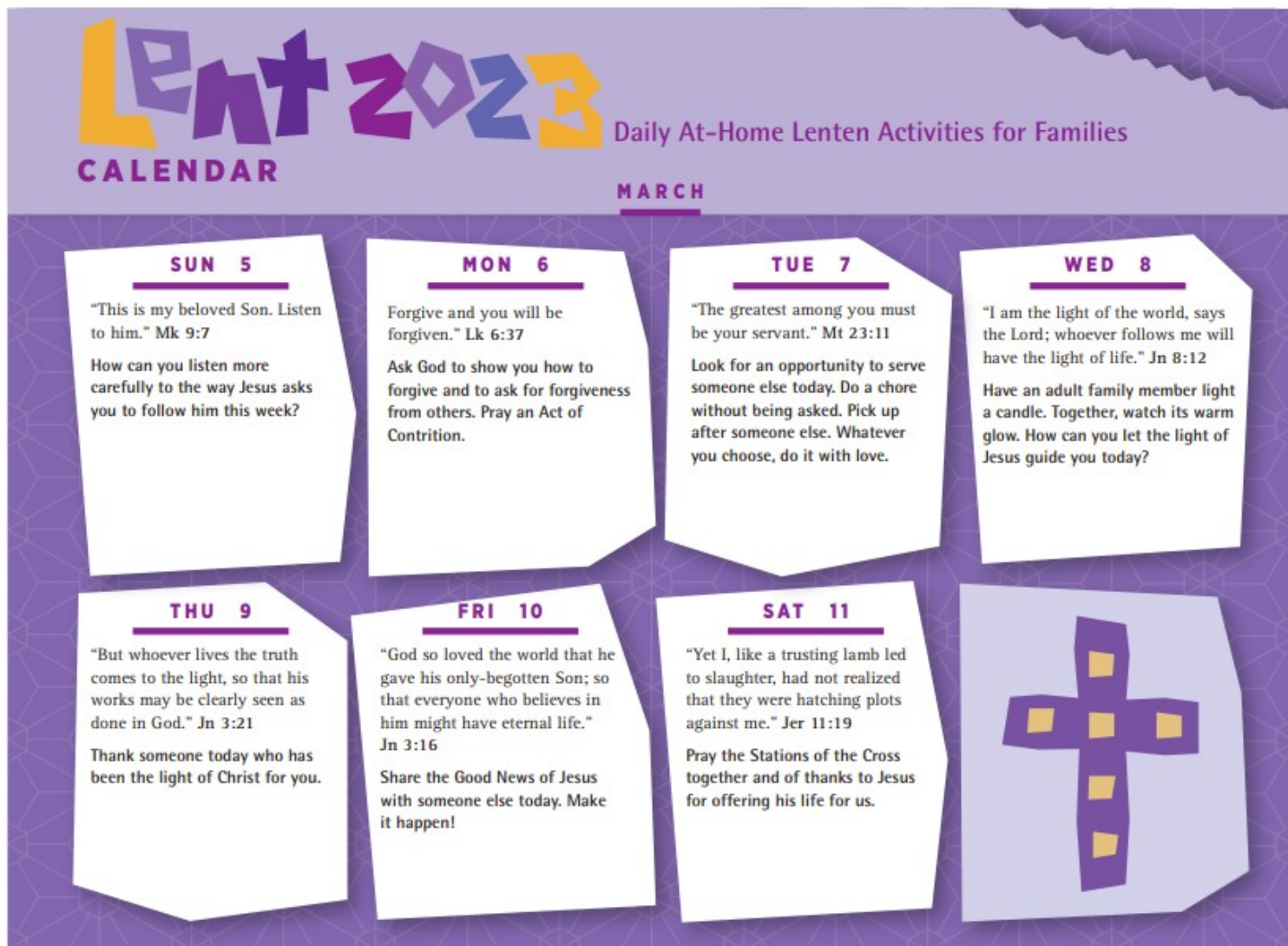
Let us keep these candidates along with all those preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist in our prayers.

A big thank you to all who participated in and prepared and supported Generations of Faith this past Sunday. It was truly a blessing for all because each person was a generous blessing that made it possible.



Beginning next **Sunday, March 12, 12:45 p.m.** Corpus Christi Parish is having a Mission, "**Listen To the Lord**" After the 11:00 Mass, a light snack will be served. The mission will continue Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. This will be an enriching, inspiring and spirit filled Lenten event, making a difference in your life. May we all say together, "It is good that we are here."





Lent 2023
CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH

SUN 5
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mk 9:7
How can you listen more carefully to the way Jesus asks you to follow him this week?

MON 6
Forgive and you will be forgiven." Lk 6:37
Ask God to show you how to forgive and to ask for forgiveness from others. Pray an Act of Contrition.


TUE 7
"The greatest among you must be your servant." Mt 23:11
Look for an opportunity to serve someone else today. Do a chore without being asked. Pick up after someone else. Whatever you choose, do it with love.

WED 8
"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." Jn 8:12
Have an adult family member light a candle. Together, watch its warm glow. How can you let the light of Jesus guide you today?

THU 9
"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Jn 3:21
Thank someone today who has been the light of Christ for you.

FRI 10
"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son; so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life." Jn 3:16
Share the Good News of Jesus with someone else today. Make it happen!

SAT 11
"Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me." Jer 11:19
Pray the Stations of the Cross together and of thanks to Jesus for offering his life for us.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33

PUZZLE

Help Jesus find his father!



MISSION

When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Lent • Matthew 17:1-9



GOSPEL

Peter, James, and John had walked up the mountain with Jesus. When they got to the top, Jesus looked different. Rays of bright light came from his face. His robes became white. Then a voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son whom I love. In him I am well pleased. Listen to him." The three apostles were scared and fell on the ground and covered their heads with their arms. Then Jesus touched them and said, "Don't be afraid."

PRAYER

Lord, help me when I am afraid.

DRAW

Draw Peter, James, and John looking at Jesus shining with rays of light.